

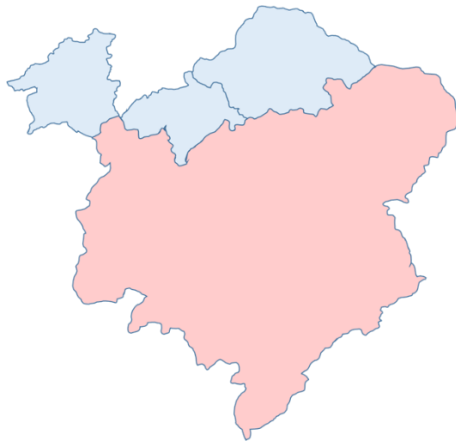
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Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

Kelso and District Community Councils
Multi Member Ward Report for May 2024



The information provided within this report, is predominately based on the Kelso and District Multi Member Ward Policing Plan and the areas you have identified as priorities.

The data provided in this report is for information purposes only and is not official crime statistics. Due to delayed reporting or recording of crimes, incidents or road accidents and the management of crime enquiries, there is likely to be differences between the information in this report and the final Police Scotland statistics. It would not be appropriate to refer to, quote or use any data in this report as official statistics.

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Community Update - Kelso & District

In May School Link Officers - PC's Tait-Logan, Harper, Cameron and Trochimiak attended the Border Union Schools Countryside Day at Springwood Park in Kelso. They were joined by CAT officer PC Francois and Sgt Granger.

With P5's attending from across the Scottish Borders, this provided a great opportunity for the Community Policing Team to engage with children from all schools.



Cllr Euan Robson along with PC Bruce Anderson & Richard Anderson, Trading Standards Officer, joined our Scam Van event at Mayfield Garden Centre in May. This drop in event aimed to provide advice and information to members of the public about how to avoid scammers.

On Sunday 26th May Kelso Racecourse held its annual Ladies Day bringing numerous visitors to the town. Due to the scale of the event the Police were involved along with the organisers and the event passed without any significant issues.

Local Policing Priorities

1. Protecting Vulnerable People in a Physical & Digital World
2. Reducing violence and Anti-Social Behaviour
3. Reducing acquisitive crime
4. Improving road safety
5. Tackling serious and organised crime

Protecting Vulnerable People in a Physical & Digital World



In May 2024 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 236 mental health related calls, around 20 missing person enquiries and approximately 100 domestic related incidents.

Kelso & District had 26 mental health related calls and 4 missing person enquiry. Due to GDPR and protection of victims/subjects involved, we are unable to share any more specific information in relation to these type of call within this report.

Police Scotland work in collaboration with key partners to assist the most vulnerable within the communities and to provide support.

Reducing violence and ASB

Assault

On 19/05/2024 report of males fighting in Bowmont Street, Kelso. Officers attended and traced both males who had a disagreement, no crimes or offences established.

On 20/05/2024 report of male being assaulted in Maxmill Park, Kelso. Officers attended and spoke with male, who refused to engage, and due to insufficient evidence, no criminality evident at time. Male was given advice to contact police should he wish to report anything further.

Anti-Social Behaviour

On 02/05/2024 report of staff at Semi Chem, Roxburgh Street, Kelso being verbally abused by a male. Male warned and banned at staff request and advice given .

On 05/05/2024 report of a large disturbance in Horsemarket, Kelso involving approximately 50 males. Officers attended, nothing ongoing and no offences detected.

On 07/05/2024 report of a disturbance in Inchmyre, Kelso whereby a woman was heard to be screaming at three males. Officers attended and spoke to witnesses, parties involved had left the area. Persons involved traced and spoken to regarding their behaviour.

On 08/05/2024 report of a disturbance in Maxmill Park, Kelso by youths. Officers attended and no disturbance on attendance. Witnesses spoken to, no criminality evident.

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On 15/05/2024 report of a male being threatening towards another male from Dean Court, Yetholm. No criminality, advice given.

On 18/05/2024 report of a male being threatened by another male, whilst travelling on a bus between Berwick and Kelso. Enquiries ongoing.

On 19/05/2024 report of a group of youths causing a disturbance in Inchmyre, Kelso. No criminality.

On 20/05/2024 report of a male from Eschie Court, Kelso receiving threats. A diary appointment has been made to obtain further details.

On 23/05/2024 report of a disturbance at Harrietfield Farm, Kelso. Officers attended and established this was a family dispute, no criminality or complaints made, advice given to all parties.

On 26/05/2024 report of youths banging on windows at Eschie Court, Kelso, no damage had been done, advice given.

On 28/05/2024 report of a group of males arguing in the street. Inchmyre, Kelso. Caller has stated everything calmed down, no Police required.

Vandalism

On 07/05/2024 report of damaged caused to railings at Kelso Abbey. Enquiries ongoing.

On 19/05/2024 report of a male punching the rear window of a vehicle, which was parked in The Square, Kelso causing it to smash. Officers attended and noted statements, enquiry ongoing.

On 26/05/2024 report of youths causing damage to fence. Croft Road, Kelso. Police attended and found fence panels on the ground, homeowner to be spoken to.

Reducing acquisitive crime

Theft

On 06/05/2024 report of male stealing food items from Co-op Store, High Croft, Kelso on two occasions. Male charged with theft by shoplifting x 2.

On 09/05/2024 report of theft of medication from a property in Albert Place, Kelso. A crime report for theft has been submitted and enquiry is ongoing.

On 10/05/2024 report of theft of 3 bicycles from an address at Grovehill, Kelso. Enquiries ongoing.

On 13/05/2024 report of theft of money from within an address at Roxburgh Street, Kelso. Enquiries ongoing.

On 17/05/2024 report of theft shoplifting from Co-op, High Croft, Kelso. Suspect known - sufficient evidence to submit a police report.

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On 23/05/2024 report of theft of diesel and tools from Eckford Sand Quarry, Kelso. A crime report has been submitted. Enquiries ongoing.

On 26/05/2024 report of theft of pushchair from old railway line where it had been left unattended. Enquiries ongoing.

On 29/05/2024 report of theft of alcohol by two males from Sainsburys, Kelso. Enquiries ongoing.

On 29/05/2024 report of theft of alcohol by two males from Co-op, High Croft, Kelso. Enquiries ongoing.



Improving road safety

On 14/05/2024 – a driver was issued a fine for driving with no MOT in Kelso

On 26/05/2024 - a driver was issued a fine and penalty points for driving with no insurance in Kelso

On 29/05/2024 – a driver was issued a fine for driver not wearing seat belt in Kelso

Killed or Seriously Injured

On 05/05/2024 report of a serious road traffic accident on the B6404 near to Galalaw Farm, Kelso. Officers attended and observed the only vehicle occupant as a female, who had sustained significant injuries to both wrists and her leg, after colliding head on with a tree. Enquiries continue by Roads Policing Officers to establish the exact cause of the accident.



Tackling serious and organised crime

Serious and organised crime enforcement – May 2024

The Scottish Borders CID Proactive Unit executed 4 Drug Warrants across the command area during May. This included 2 large Cannabis Cultivations, a quantity of Class A drugs and cash being seized. 4 persons were arrested and charged with drug offences in regard to these warrants.

Serious and organised crime impacts local communities across the Borders and anyone with information on criminal activity are asked to contact Police Scotland on 101, report it at any Police Station or report it anonymously via the Crime Stoppers Charity. This information can be on any criminal matter but includes an individuals unexplained financial gain or wealth or persons who are vulnerable in our communities and being targeted or exploited by others for any reason.

Campaigns

Scams

Victims of Phone / Internet / Doorstep Scams continue to be provided with an incident follow-up information pack containing advice intended to prevent repeat victimisation. This pack now includes a copy of the latest “Little Book of Big Scams” which covers a huge variety of common scams. [Little Book of Big Scams – Cyber Scotland](#)

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Keep Safe Initiative

Primarily aimed at disabled members of the community helping to tackle disability hate crime, Keep Safe is a national network of over 800 safe places (including shops, libraries, pubs etc.) for anyone who may feel lost, scared or vulnerable when out in the community. [About Keep Safe \(iammescotland.co.uk\)](#)

All Scottish Borders Co-ops have signed up to the scheme with staff training, business packs and store signage being provided.

No Cold Calling Zones

- Any community organisation interested in setting up a new zone or wishing to refresh an existing zone (those with the old Lothian and Borders Police signs) or should contact their local community policing team <https://www.scotland.police.uk/secureforms/contact/>

Rural Crime

- Scottish Borders Partnership against Rural Crime (SBPARC) exhibited at the Border Union Show highlighting the latest rural crime prevention advice. The partnership continues to meet regularly to address local priority rural crime throughout the year.

We continued to distribute free wireless perimeter security alarms and crime prevention advice to farmers and rural business. These can be requested by Farmers / Rural businesses using the [Contact Us Form](#) on the Police Scotland Website.

CAT Update:

ROAD SAFETY – SBCAT have continued carrying out road checks in numerous locations in the Scottish Borders and have issued 9 traffic tickets for various offences throughout the month.

Numerous hi- vis speed and static road checks along with foot patrols have been carried out at schools throughout the Scottish Borders at dropping off and picking up times, including primary schools in Stow, Selkirk and Earlston

On 1st May SBCAT with took part in Operation Checkpoint on the A7 and the A1. This was in partnerships with Police in the North of England doing similar checks. The SBCAT issued 6 traffic tickets and give 8 warnings for speeding and vehicle condition.

On 18th May, during checks of young drivers under Tesco's in Galashiels one was found to not have vehicle insurance and was charged and reported. Another was searched and found to be in possession of cannabis.

PARKING TICKETS – Officers have been carrying out high visibility across the Borders and addressing parking concerns there. Advice has been given to drivers and 24 tickets have been issued. Passing attention was given to The War Memorial in Coldstream, Galashiels Town Centre and Bridge Street in Kelso were also regularly checked by officers along with Duns Industrial Estate (no issues)

RURAL ACQUISITIVE CRIME – We continue to carry out static road checks in rural areas at all times of day to deter and detect rural acquisitive crime. 13 static checks were carried out throughout the Scottish Borders this month along with numerous hi-visibility patrols of rural areas. At Monynut vehicle patrols were completed on weekends with nothing to report.

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ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR – High visibility patrols have continued in targeted areas of the Scottish Borders to address concerns highlighted at these locations. Similar high visibility foot patrols are being completed across the Borders with a focus on, Burnfoot and Mansfield in Hawick following reports of Off-Road motorcycles being used and general ASB. Following previous issues at the abandoned Teviot Windows building in Hawick, the SBCAT got the building resecured. The building remains secure, and youths are no longer congregating there. Foot patrols are being completed at Jedburgh Sheriff Court on court days due to previous reported issues with members of the public. Innerleithen and Peebles have also been given a lot of attention. Lots of youth engagement but no real issues identified.

No youth warning letters were issued during the month of May in relation to youths.

PROTECTING VULNERABLE PEOPLE – Part of the SBCAT role is to trace persons wanted on warrant/missing person/and bail curfew checks. SBCAT have carried out regular checks on multiple individuals who are wanted on warrant. During the past month a total of 9 people were arrested on warrant.

DRUG ENFORCEMENT – SBCAT officers have taken part in 2 drugs search warrants in the Scottish Borders.

On 23rd May SBCAT and the Proactive Crime Team executed a search warrant together in Stow. A small amount of cannabis was recovered.

On 27th May the SBCAT lead a drugs search in Hawick with assistance from public order and a dog handler. A personal amount of cannabis and some tablets were recovered.

OTHER ISSUES OF NOTE-

On 20th May the SBCAT was reduced to a Sergeant and 6 Constables. With PS Hope at Selkirk and Officers based in pairs at Galashiels, Hawick and Duns.

Feedback from a meeting/contacting your Community Policing Team

Anyone with information relating to any criminal activity can contact Police Scotland by dialling 101 or alternatively anonymously by calling **CRIMESTOPPERS** on **0800 555111**.

Should the Community Council wish to discuss any matters highlighted in the report, please contact:

KelsoDistrict@scotland.pnn.police.uk

We will endeavour to provide you with this information, however some information is sensitive and as an organisation we have to ensure compliance with GDPR.

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